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Ref: 19-F-0803

Alexander Ward  
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Dear Mr. Ward:

This is the final response to your February 21, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on February 21, 2019 and assigned it case number 19-F-0803. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Secretary of Defense Communications (SDC), and the Under Secretary of Defense Comptroller, components of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a search of their records systems based on the information provided in your request. The offices have determined that after thorough search of all electronic records and files, no records of the kind you described could be identified. We believe that these search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Darrell M. Williams, at 571-372-0462 or by email at [OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil). Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to [osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil](mailto:osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil). If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 19-F-0803 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please contact, Ms. Tyra Howard, at [tyra.d.howard.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tyra.d.howard.civ@mail.mil); or (571) 372-0467.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Carr  
Chief

Enclosures:

As stated

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

- Emails from the Secretary of Defense and all the Joint Chiefs of Staff about President Donald Trump's comment on October 17, 2018 that the fiscal year 2020 defense budget should be \$700 billion.
- The timeframe for the emails should be October 17, 2018 to October 19, 2018.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Alexander Ward

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